

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Minutes

WAYNE TWP F.D.
700 N. HIGH SCHOOL ROAD
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003
10:00 a.m.

A. Pursuant to IC 22-12-3-6, the regular scheduled meeting of the IN Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education convened at 10:00 a.m. with Chairperson Paul Covington presiding.

a. The following Board member were present:

M. Tracy Boatwright
Bernice Clark
Paul Covington
Charles (Don) Hall
Thomas Hanify
Tom Loraine
Jerry Nulliner
Darrick Scott

b. The following Board members were absent:

Patrick Ralston
Jack Kerney

c. Also present:

Matthew Despos, St. Joe Twp. F.D.
Ivan Nevil, Fire Academy Administrator
Mara Snyder, Counsel
Jim Schneider, PSTI TO
Marilyn Burgess, Program Coordinator

B. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with a quorum of nine.

C. Minutes July 28, 2003 Board meeting; Statistical reports for July and August, 2003.

a. Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the minutes as printed and distributed. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried

b. Tom Loraine made a motion to approve the statistical reports for July and August, 2003 as printed and distributed. Darrick Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Variances, Hearing and Appeals

a. **Brenden Hartnett**, a member of the Sugar Creek Twp. F.D. requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon completing and receiving a degree in Public Safety from Ivy Tech State College.

Tom Lorain made a motion to approved the variance as recommended by the Staff. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. **Joe Fitzgerald**, a member of the Sugar Creek Twp. F.D. requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon completing and receiving a degree in Public Safety from Ivy Tech State College.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to approve the variance as recommended by staff. Patrick Donoghue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. **Kenneth Boruff**, a member of the W. Lebanon F.D. requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-4 FF I and 655 IAC 1.2-1.5 FF II based upon completing and being certified to these levels by the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy.

Marshal Boatwright made a motion to approve the variance as recommended by staff, and if Kenneth ever desires IFSAC accreditation he will have to take the IN written and practical tests. Tom Loraine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. **Chris Walker**, a member of the Ft. Wayne F.D. requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-10 FO III based upon completing and receiving an Associates Degree in Public Safety, Specialty in Fire Science from Ivy Tech State College.

Darrick Scott made a motion to approve the variance as recommended by staff. Don Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Report by Patrick Ralston, Executive Director, SEMA/DFBS/PSTI

No report at this time.

F. State Fire Marshal Report M. Tracy Boatwright

Marshal Boatwright announced that Pauline Ruivo was hired to take Molly Reynolds's position as secretary to Mike Bigler. Pauline's position as secretary to Gary Robison is now vacant.

D'Nyeal Banks has been hired as the new ChildCare Division Asst. Chief Inspector.

The Arson Investigator position in NW Indiana is again on the job bank, as there were no qualified applicants for the first listing.

Mike Bigler and his staff did a great job at the National Governors' Conference.

State Fair is over and there were no problems at this year's fair.

The Public Safety Evaluation Committee met at Wayne Twp. on July 31. The Training Academy is on hold right now, as the Governor's office would like to have other locations in Indiana considered as statewide training facilities, as well as the Grissom

location.

The Public Safety Evaluation Committee will meet at the State House on September 24 for a meeting on indoor pyrotechnics.

Pam Bright is PIO for co-coordinating the reporting base for the National Association of State Fire Marshal's Juvenile Fire-setters program. A workshop was held at Wayne Twp. with teams from Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, Evansville, South Bend and Terre Haute among others. They will be coordinating information on juvenile fire-setters in the state of Indiana.

G. Public Safety Training Institute Report Ivan Nevil

PSTI will be starting the validation process on new programs that we have received for testing.

Staff is teaching lots of Haz Mat courses and Jim Schneider has been teaching the ICS and ISO courses.

September 29 - October 4 staff will be teaching a Haz Mat Law Enforcement course at Camp Atterbury for the State Police and their special Ops team. The State Police are aware that IOSHA rules for Haz Mat does apply to them, so they want to be compliant with their rules, especially with their teams that are doing meth labs and other drug enforcement. The State Police are also requesting that PSTI put on a Haz Mat Tech course for their Bomb Technicians.

Indiana Weekend is over. Everything went well.

October 8-12 Ivan will be in Salt Lake City for the National Association of State Fire Training Directors

Randy Wood took the Fire Sprinkler Trailer to Vincennes Sept. 5 and Randy will also be taking it to Washington Twp. this month. Wayne Twp. will also be using it for Fire Prevention week.

H. Administrative Proceedings

None at this time.

I. Old Business

a. **IFSAC** - Paul Covington - The fall Conference for IFSAC is coming up the last weekend in September in Little Rock, Arkansas. Paul Covington will be attending. Paul reported that at least 6 more states have asked to be accredited for IFSAC certification. There is a system in place for verbal exams for IFSAC certification even though it raises some questions. Indiana re-accreditation for IFSAC was scheduled for 01/04. This will need to be postponed until June, 04 because of rules repromulgation. Tom Loraine made

a motion to allow Ivan Nevil to draft a letter to IFSAC requesting an extension until June 04. Marshal Boatwright seconded the motion. Motion carried. D/O Pumper is now accredited for IFSAC certification.

b. ***Fire Academy Study*** - Addressed in Fire Marshal Report

c. ***House Bill #1106*** - Ivan Nevil - Ivan and the Marshal discussed the development of a video for the changes in #1106. The Marshal will contact the producers of the video as to cost and will then contact Fran as how to handle cost of the video. Ivan will review a video Tom Loraine sent in as a sample. The mandatory training program questions will be matched to IFSTA and Delmar books. Jones and Bartlet will also be coming out with a book in January and at that time the mandatory questions will be reviewed again.

d. ***Rules*** - Mara Snyder - Mara will not be at the October 20th, but hopefully a draft of the rules will be in the next Board packet. At the October Board meeting changes or suggestions should be given to Ivan. That will give Mara time to get it to LSA for publication in the December 1 Indiana Register. Then possibly a Public hearing meeting can be held in February, 2004. Mara will take it to the A.G.'s office between December and February for review. That will set final rule promulgation by May, 2004. The second Notice of Intent for the second round as new rules will be published in June, but that should have enough of the rules done, so that when IFSAC is here in June there will be enough rule changes to go forward with accreditation.

J. **New Business**

a. ***Discussion on Indiana certified Instructors teaching DOD courses for IFSAC certification while on active military duty.*** - Ivan Nevil. After lengthy discussion of the problem, Paul Covington asked permission to discuss the issues with Larry McDonough at the IFSAC Conference. He will preface this with a letter via E-Mail. Paul will get details from Ivan, before the letter is written. The Board was in agreement with this arrangement. Paul will report back to the Board at the October meeting. Brad Gavin, PSTI counsel, is writing rules to set a fee/rate schedule for IFSAC accreditation

K. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.